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The protection of United Nations personnel

Note by the secretariat

1. In its resolution 2000/77, the Commission on Human Rights, expressing concern at the occurrence of attacks and threats against United Nations staff and associated personnel, took into account the note by the secretariat (E/CN.4/2000/100) stating that a comprehensive and in-depth study on the safety and security problems faced by the United Nations and associated personnel requested by the Commission in 1997 and in 1998 will be prepared on an inter-agency basis and would be submitted in due course.

2. In the same resolution, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Commission at its fifty-eighth session on the situation of United Nations and associated personnel and other personnel carrying out activities in fulfilment of the mandate of a United Nations operation who are imprisoned, missing or held in a country against their will, on new cases that have been successfully settled as they relate to the principles set out in the International Covenants on Human Rights and on the implementation of the measures referred to in the resolution.

3. Pursuant to resolution 2000/77, the secretariat refers the Commission on Human Rights to the report of the Secretary-General on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel (A/56/384 and Corr.1 of 20 September 2001) and the report of the Secretary-General on safety and security of United Nations personnel (A/55/494 of 18 October 2000), in particular annexes II and III.

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Human rights and thematic procedures

Note by the secretariat

1. In paragraph 10 (a) of resolution 2000/86, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the thematic special rapporteurs, representatives, experts and working groups, to issue annually and sufficiently early their conclusions and recommendations, so as to enable further discussion of their implementation at subsequent sessions of the Commission.

2. Pursuant to this request, the annex to the present document contains the references to the pertinent chapters containing the conclusions and recommendations of the reports submitted to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-eighth session by thematic special rapporteurs and working groups.[1]

3. Moreover, in paragraph 7 of resolution 2000/86, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to convene further periodic meetings of all the thematic special rapporteurs, representatives, experts and chairpersons of working groups of the Commission, in order to enable them to continue to exchange views, cooperate and coordinate more closely and make recommendations. In this regard, it may be noted that a meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives, experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures of the Commission and of the advisory services programme was held from 18 to 22 June 2001, the report of which has been submitted to the Commission at its fifty-eighth session (E/CN.4/2002/14).

[1] Reports submitted as of the date of submission of the present document containing conclusions and/or recommendations.

Annex

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THEMATIC SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS AND WORKING GROUPS

Conclusions and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (E/CN.4/2002/20, sects. VIII and IX)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (E/CN.4/2002/24, sects. V and VI)

Conclusions and recommendations of the independent expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty (E/CN.4/2002/55, sect. V)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food (E/CN.4/2002/58, sects. IV and V)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education (E/CN.4/2002/60, sect. V)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the adverse effects of the illicit movement and dumping of toxic waste and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights (E/CN.4/2002/61, sect. VI)

Conclusions and recommendations of the independent expert charged with examining the existing international criminal and human rights framework for the protection of persons from enforced or involuntary disappearances (E/CN.4/2002/71, sect. IX)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers (E/CN.4/2002/72, sect. VIII)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief (E/CN.4/2002/73, sect. III)

Concluding remarks and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (E/CN.4/2002/74, sect. VII)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression (E/CN.4/2002/75, sect. V)

Recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture (E/CN.4/2002/76, annex I)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (E/CN.4/2002/77, sect. III)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (E/CN.4/2002/79, sect. IV)

Recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (E/CN.4/2002/83, sect. VI)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants (E/CN.4/2002/94, sect. VI)

Conclusions of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons (E/CN.4/2002/95, sect. V)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders (E/CN.4/2002/106, sect. IV)

Conclusions and recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing, as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living (E/CN.4/2002/59, sect. IV)